

THE WINTERS ADVOCATE.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1877.

Thirty members of the Chamberlin South Carolina legislature cannot write their own names.

Last year the San Francisco Mint coined \$32,022,000 gold, and \$10,652,000 in silver coin.

Since the 1st of July, 1875, 236 cargoes of wheat were cleared from San Francisco for Europe.

Death by fire is not painful, says the New York Herald. That may be so but fire after death is what scares most of us.

A special from Tallahassee, of Wednesday, says: "The inauguration of Governor Drew, Democrat, took place yesterday. The Legislature is organized in both branches, and both are Democratic."

In days of the French Revolution, writes Celia Logan, only did the distress exceed that in New York at the present time, and never has been seen on men, so many broken boots, battered hats, and frayed out and battered overcoats.

A lady correspondent wishes to know "what will change the color of black hair?" Age, for a permanent color, will do best, but the hair dyes say dilute peroxide of hydrogen will change black hair to a golden yellow. Our advice, however, is "wait for the old age wagon."

The total yield of metals by States and Territories west of the Rocky Mountains, including receipts from British Columbia and Mexico, the past year, was gold \$44,323,602; silver, \$41,606,612; lead, \$5,040,000; \$90,876,150 in all, of which the State of Nevada produced \$49,580,761.

At the election Nov. 7th, the Republicans carried the city of Watertown, N. Y., by 147 majority. On the 19th of December, the Democrats elected the Mayor of that city by 20 majority, and carried the remainder of their ticket by a still larger majority.

The number of paying Granges, Patrons of Industry, in the United States is placed at 13,693, with a membership of 532,402. The late session of the national body at Chicago, was largely preoccupied with arrangements for buying and selling so as to dispense with middle men.

The wild geese and ducks are in many districts devouring the young grain so rapidly that the farmers have to watch their fields day and night to keep them off, and then they can only partially protect their crops. On one of the large ranches in Colusa county, ten men are employed day and night in protecting the young grain from their ravages.

A Tribune special of Wednesday says: "Just now the favorite solution of the Presidential complication is to hold a new election next fall." Another dispatch, of the same tenor, but adds, "if another election comes Hayes will not be thought of, but either Blaine or Morton will be the candidate." Claiming that Hayes is honestly elected, why seek another election with him left out? A straw shows which way the wind blows.

It is said a subscription has been started in Washington by George Bancroft, the historian and a Republican, in aid of Wade Hampton of South Carolina. Mr. Bancroft heads the list with \$100, and is followed by W. W. Corcoran, who gives \$1,000, and Columbus Alexander, who has his name down for \$100. The gift is to be in recognition of Mr. Hampton's forbearance and temperate counsels during the troublous times through which he has been passing.

The Louisville Journal wants to know how would this sentence sound from the lips of a President beginning his inaugural: "Called to the office of Chief Magistrate of the United States by the vote of Mr. Cronan, a minority Elector of Oregon, I assume," etc., etc.—[Valley Chronicle.]

It would sound better than this from the lips of a President beginning: "Called to the office of Chief Magistrate of the United States by the vote of the Vice President and prominent members of my own party, I assume," etc., etc.

President Grant said the other day in an interview with the reporter of the New York World, that whoever was elected by the President of the Senate to be elected President and Vice President of the United States it would be his duty to recognize them, and to surrender the reins of authority and be deliberately declared his intention of using the army and navy to see Hayes inaugurated.—[Telegraph Dispatch.]

Now, it strikes us very forcibly that President Grant's term of office expires at 12 o'clock M. on the 4th of March next, and after that hour he becomes a private citizen, and consequently there is no "re-cognizing and surrendering the reins of authority" in the case, for if he has the right to surrender when a private citizen, he has also the right to hold over when a private citizen, and if claiming to exercise this latter right he would not be President of the United States, but a self-constituted Dictator.

DIXON DISPATCH.—The first number of this paper is upon our table. The Dispatch presents a good appearance typographically, and is well filled with interesting local and general reading matter. In politics, the proprietors announce that the Dispatch will be neutral, "but perhaps," they add, "it would be more mainly to say independent," and we agree with them in saying "it is easier to say independent, than to act it." We wish the Dispatch a full measure of prosperity, and welcome it to our table.

It is noted as a commentary on the doings of the Senate and House Committees to investigate the elections in the three disputed States, that while the Senate Committee of which Sargent is Chairman, sit in secret session, the Committee of the House of Representatives sit with open doors, and their proceedings are open to the public, while of the proceedings of the former Committee nothing is known.

RETURNING BOARD DOINGS.

Mr. John J. Long, of De Soto Parish, Louisiana, a Republican candidate for the State Legislature, whom the Returning Board "counted in," declines to serve on the ground that he was honestly defeated. In his letter to the Returning Board, Mr. Long says:

"It is true I was the regular nominee of the party in the parish of De Soto for the Legislature, and did more than any member of the party in that parish to organize and advance its interests; but, knowing as I do that I was fairly defeated at the polls no intimidation or fraud having been practiced by the opposite party at any precinct in the parish, so far as I have been able to ascertain after a thorough investigation, my self-respect will not permit me to accept the position. I cannot believe that the good of the State or of the National Republican party can be promoted by returning as elected, a candidate so clearly defeated as myself. In fact, I am convinced that very much of the disturbance that has prevailed throughout the State for several years past is justly attributable to the fact that, in many of the parishes men not elected by the people have been returned elected and maintained in office by the power of the Government."

JOHN J. LONG.

N. W. let us see whether Mr. Long's statement as to his having been fairly defeated is correct. In the official returns copied into the Advocate last week from the New Orleans Picayune, the vote as returned by the Supervisors of De Soto parish, was:

Republican, 892 Democrat, 1313
Democratic majority, 421

The vote of De Soto parish as certified by the Returning Board, was as follows: Republican, 712 Democrat, 630
Republican majority, 82.

Here, then, is the statement of Mr. Long corroborated, and the charge of fraud substantiated in the doings of a Returning Board, previously denounced as infamous by W. A. Wheeler and other prominent Republicans, and the vote of the State thrown out in consequence. And now we find the vote of that State, as fraudulently manipulated by this same Returning Board, relied upon for electing this same W. A. Wheeler Vice President, and R. B. Hayes, President of these United States! It does not, therefore, surprise us to find influential Republican papers in Connecticut, Boston, New York, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, and others, including Forney's Washington Chronicle, taking their party leaders to task for their deluge in the disputed States, more than one declaring with the Philadelphia Times, that: "Hayes will be covered with infamy if he shall attempt to grasp the commission that comes with the sickening stench of the Kellogg Returning Board." But let us should be accused of misrepresentation in this matter, we give, from the Springfield (Mass.) Republican, confessedly one of the most influential Republican journals in the country, the following article on the political situation. That paper, under the caption of "Will They Dare Do It?" says:

"The furthest excitement after the election which blocked the streets in front of the newspaper offices here as they had not been since Lincoln's assassination has now nearly subsided, and even partisan Republicans begin to admit that Tilden is elected by the votes. The next step in the conspiracy of Blaine, Chandler & Co. against the peace of the country is to count Tilden out and Hayes in; and it begins to look as if it was fully resolved on by the worst element of the officeholding party at Washington. Let them try it if they dare! Tweed presumed too long on the forbearance of the people of New York—and where is he now? Blaine and his sort have played the game of Tweed upon a national arena, and their downfall, when they attempt to cheat the nation out of its choice for President, will be all the more dramatic and humiliating than Tweed's. They think the American people are fools—and they have some excuse for it, just as Tweed—but they will lose the folly on the other side of the account. It is a desperate game the carpet bag rascals of the South, aided by the Blaines and Chandlers of the North, are playing—and the stakes are high, they think it pardonable to put a few acres up their sleeves now that luck has gone against them. But they will find their own followers deserting them when it comes to inaugurating a new civil war in order to thrust upon us a President, never elected. Certainly General Sherman, and probably even Sheridan and Grant themselves, will shrink at the last moment from festering fraud upon the whole nation, with the bayonet. They saw no harm in bayoneting a city or a State into submission to the Louisiana Returning Board; but to plaster the certifiers of the Louisiana election over the whole body politic is a very different matter, easy enough to conceive, but very hard to carry out."

TEARING DOWN THE FLAG.

The irreparable story of "tearing down the flag and trampling it in the dust," sought to be laid upon the Democrats of Winters, by the notorious Minner, which was published over the length and breadth of the Union, has had the effect of making our town generally known. "Was the devil it this Winters, I never heard of it before?" was a query put to us some weeks since by more than one party, while in San Francisco, and since our return we have been receiving letters from New York city, Elton, N. Y., Chicago, Washington, and other places, enclosing advertisements for Fire Arms, Sewing Machines, Patent Agents, Game Fowls, etc., but as these are accompanied with terms, to wit, that the parties are willing to take part pay in advertising and the balance, which is probably as much as the articles are worth, in cash we have declined all such offers of patronage. Our citizens however, ought to offer a complimentary bounty to Minner, for his efforts in causing our town to become so generally known.

CLERICAL ERROR.

George P. Davis, Clerk of the Louisiana Returning Board, testified before the House Committee on Tuesday last, that the raising of the Electoral Vote in Vernon parish had been done by a clerical error. The vote of Vernon parish, as certified by the Supervisors was, Republican, 1; Democrats, 649, 650 in all. The "clerical error," as stated by Davis, is as follows: Republican, 179; Democrats, 471, 650 in all! This is a specimen of the "clerical error" adopted by that notorious Board to "count Hayes in" and "count Tilden out."

A woman is imbued with a feeling of joy and kindness second only to that of the angels, but she can never wash out a pair of men's cassimere pants and have them set as well as they did before.—Ex.

Nor behind either.

GENERAL ITEMS.

The public debt was increased in December \$358,352.

The Calaveras Chronicle says: "A large area has been sown in grain in this vicinity and some of it was put in weeks ago, but not a kernel of it has shored a blade above ground yet." And a like report comes to us from all parts of the State. In Southern California cattle are dying in great numbers from starvation.

Says the Talara Times of Saturday: It is said that the "mad itch" (if you know what it is) has killed several cattle belonging to C. H. Robinson, of Cross Creek. Aunt Milly Dodd, as she was familiarly known, supposed to be the oldest lady in Kentucky, if not in the world, died a few days since, near Bowling Green, in that State, aged 116 years and 7 months. She had been a member of the Baptist Church for over one hundred years.

They are having a snow storm in the East this New Year. On the 2d of January, they had the heaviest snow storm in Washington, since 1857; in New York the heaviest that has occurred in several years; in Virginia fourteen to twenty inches of snow fell on the same day. In Missouri the thermometer was down to zero, and in Milwaukee to 16 degrees below zero!

The Democrats of Chicago are arranging for an imposing Tilden Inauguration Ball. Interest in the investigation committees in Louisiana has given way to interest in State politics. Two Legislatures are in session, and the Democrats will inaugurate Nicholas as Governor.

Commodore Vanderbilt died on Thursday last, after affording for many months material for telegraphic dispatches as to the state of his health. The Commodore leaves about \$95,000,000 for the benefit of his heirs.

The wool product of California last year was 55,550,970 pounds, of which 52,588,311 pounds, worth \$8,200,000, was exported. Frank Gillett, of Nevada city, is out in a work on "Fragriferum," and claims to be the producer of forty-three varieties of strawberries.

The Sacramento Bee is in a fury over the action of Governor Grover, about as violent as over that "tearing down the flag," that did not happen to be done by Democrats, and a mass meeting was held by its party followers on Wednesday evening to denounce Grover, and Irwin. This Oregon matter, which is terribly agitating the Republican party is creating a tempest in a teapot. Gov. Grover has done nothing more than his oath of office required him to do, in refusing to grant a certificate to Watte, who was clearly ineligible, and his action was endorsed by a Republican Judge of the Supreme Court of his State. The editor of the Bee, were the case reversed, would doubtless have acted as did Gov. Grover, but as his action affects the election of its candidate in this case, it is denounced simply in the interest of party.

BARBERS.—A grand ball came off at Scribner's Hotel, Berryessa Valley, on New Year's evening. The Winters Quaker Band furnished splendid music to the occasion. The hall was largely attended, and was one of the most pleasant and agreeable affairs of the season.

CHEWING TOBACCO IN CHURCH.—To see

an old tobacco muncher take a chew in church is always an amusing sight. He seems to labor under the impression that certain members of the congregation have their eyes fixed on him, and so uses a strategy that would accomplish wonderful things if it only were used for some good purpose. The first movement is to put his hand casually into his pocket, where he knows the sweet and delicious morsel lies. Keeping one eye on the minister and the other on his nearest neighbor, he gradually withdraws his hand and very unconsciously rests his elbow on the pew. Then he takes another look around, bows his head upon the pew before him as if in silent prayer, and then "chew tobacco" is then doing duty. Drawing his pocket handkerchief from his pocket he blows his nose, and would be willing to take a solemn oath that no one saw him do it.

A Local Returning Board.

They were playing poker, and Pomp held a full hand. His eyes glistened with conscious triumph as he put up a ten cent ace, and gazed at his opponent expectantly. "I raised ten cents," remarked Pete. "I goes a quarter more," insinuated Pomp. "I stand you, and raises another quarter," replied Pete. "I continue on the war-path and hope down de last thirty cents," answered Pomp placing six nickels on the table. "I kivers the pile and calls you," remarked Pete. "Full hand," said Pomp, turning his cards. "What you got?" "A pair, and the game am undecided," "What's dat?" cried Pomp. Dis yer chile takes de pile." "Not by a long chalk." Dis case will now be referred to the Returning Board, which examine into de particulars. Dar's plenty good good cards in de pack, and why didn't I get 'em? Dar's been intimidation and fraud, and mean while the Returnin' Board takes possession of de spoils," and Pete reached out his hand. Then the other side denied the right of the Board to meddle, and when the report left, the horrible demon of civil war was dancing a wild dance in the neighborhood, and a policeman was marching up to mediate with a club.

The cry among the ladies now-a-days is "cardinal red, navy blue, and myrtle green." They are the most fashionable colors, and "make up" beautifully.

COURT CALENDAR.

The Courts of Yolo County are held as follows: There are three terms of the District Court, commencing on the third Monday of January, May and September. The Law Day for each of these terms is held on the tenth day next preceding the commencement of each of the said terms.

There are also three special Equity Terms of said Court, commencing on the third Monday of March, July and November.

There are also held four terms of the Probate Court, commencing on the respective days of the County Court, of which the County Judge is ex-officio Judge of the Probate Court, which is always open and in session for most business connected with the settlement of estates of deceased persons, and business of guardians.

The Board of Supervisors hold their regular sessions on the second Monday of each month.

DIED.

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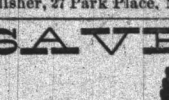
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